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From: Giancarlo, Mary Beth [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=688488C9E6804937AB6E6F32E6DE0066-MARYBETH GIANCARLO]
Sent: 2/16/2021 2:52:31 PM
To: Mike Johnson [mjohnson@summitmetroparks.org]
Subject: RE: Summit Metro Parks - Free the Falls, Gorge Dam Removal Project Summit Co., Ohio - Survey# 20-028

Thanks Mike!

From: Mike Johnson <mjohnson@summitmetroparks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:45 AM
To: hullinger@akronohio.gov; Giancarlo, Mary Beth <Giancarlo.Marybeth@epa.gov>; Andrae, Bill/MKE <William.Andrae@jacobs.com>
Subject: FW: Summit Metro Parks - Free the Falls, Gorge Dam Removal Project Summit Co., Ohio - Survey# 20-028

Here is the last piece of information I was looking for with regards to iBat coordination. This is the letter from USFWS agreeing with the results of our acoustic work and stating that we can proceed with seasonal clearing. Jacobs will need this when they put together the permit applications. The letter also states no other T/E species are expected to be impacted as part of this project.

Mike

From: Jason Whittle <JWhittle@summitmetroparks.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 8:36 AM
To: Mike Johnson <mjohnson@summitmetroparks.org>; Ramsey Langford <rlangford@summitmetroparks.org>
Subject: FW: Summit Metro Parks - Free the Falls, Gorge Dam Removal Project Summit Co., Ohio - Survey# 20-028

Mike,

Yes! We do have it, with a subsequent project number correction from USFWS. See below. I'll also place a saved version in the correct folder.

-Jason

From: Ohio, FW3 <ohio@fws.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:36
To: Jason Whittle <JWhittle@summitmetroparks.org>
Cc: Boyer, Angela <angela_boyer@fws.gov>; Parsons, Kate <kate.parsons@dnr.state.oh.us>; Mike Johnson <mjohnson@summitmetroparks.org>; Marlo Perdicas <MPerdicas@summitmetroparks.org>
Subject: Re: Summit Metro Parks - Free the Falls, Gorge Dam Removal Project Summit Co., Ohio - Survey# 20-028

My apologies, the Survey Number is actually 20-028.

Susan

From: Ohio, FW3
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:33 PM
To: JWhittle@summitmetroparks.org <JWhittle@summitmetroparks.org>

Cc: Boyer, Angela <angela_boyer@fws.gov>; Parsons, Kate <kate.parsons@dnr.state.oh.us>;
mjohnson@summitmetroparks.org <mjohnson@summitmetroparks.org>; Marlo Perdicas
<MPerdicas@summitmetroparks.org>

Subject: Summit Metro Parks - Free the Falls, Gorge Dam Removal Project Summit Co., Ohio - Survey# 20-024



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TAILS# 03E15000-2020-TA-1166

Dear Mr. Whittle,

We have received your summer bat survey report for the subject project. The survey was conducted following current U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) guidelines. No Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) were detected, demonstrating probable absence of Indiana bats in the project area. Currently, the Service has no known hibernacula or maternity roost records for northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*) in the vicinity of the project. Therefore, the 4(d) rule for the northern long-eared bat could be applied (see: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/endangered/mammals/nleb/index.html>). Tree clearing on the project site at any time of the year is unlikely to result in adverse impacts to Indiana bats and will not result in any unauthorized incidental take of northern long-eared bats. Negative Indiana bat summer surveys are valid for five years. Therefore, **no tree clearing should occur on the site after March 31, 2025** without further coordination with this office.

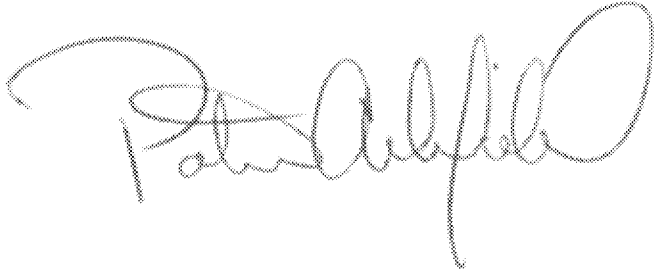
If there is a federal nexus for the project (e.g., federal funding provided, federal permits required to construct), no tree clearing should occur on any portion of the project area until consultation under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, between the Service and the federal action agency, is completed. We recommend that the federal action agency submit a determination of effects to this office, relative to the Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat, for our review and concurrence.

Due to the project type, size, and location, we do not anticipate adverse effects to any other federally endangered, threatened, proposed, or candidate species. Should the project design change, or during the term of this action, additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat become available, or if new information reveals effects of the action that were not previously considered, consultation with the Service should be initiated to assess any potential impacts.

This letter provides technical assistance only and does not serve as a completed section 7 consultation document. If project plans change, if portions of the proposed project were not evaluated, or if additional information on listed or proposed species or their critical habitat becomes available, it is our recommendation that you reinstate coordination with this office. We recommend that the project be coordinated with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources due to the potential for the project to affect state listed species and/or state lands. Contact Mike Pettegrew, Acting Environmental Services Administrator, at (614) 265-6387 or at mike.pettegrew@dnr.state.oh.us.

If you have questions, or if we can be of further assistance in this matter, please contact our office at (614) 416-8993 or ohio@fws.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patrice M. Ashfield". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Patrice M. Ashfield
Field Office Supervisor

cc: Nathan Reardon, ODNR-DOW
Kate Parsons, ODNR-DOW

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